



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES

MONDAY

JUNE 21, 2021

6:00 P.M.

*In Attendance:*

*Mayor Shelby Wright  
Councilor Eric Jarvi  
Councilor Mark Cormier  
Councilor Ivan McPike  
Councilor Allen Esposito  
Councilor Peter Erickson  
Councilor Christine Cubberley*

*Paula Scott, Town Manager  
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk  
Amy Ryder, Economic Development Director  
Victor Smith, Public Works Director  
Christian Bailey, Public Safety Director  
Shelley Abbott, Recreation Director  
Jill McLaughlin, Assistant Recreation Director  
Clifton Iler, Town Planner  
David Ryder, Town Resident  
Avery Caldwell, Town Resident  
Mark Ouellette, Axiom  
Other Members of the Public*

*Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Mayor Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Motion:** *Councilor McPike moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Jarvi*  
*Vote 7-0*

*Resolution: 2021 – 112*

C. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion:** *Councilor Jarvi moved to approve the consent agenda with the elimination of item 3-c-Council Letter to Natural Resources Council of Maine, seconded by Councilor McPike.*  
*Vote 7-0*

*Resolution: 2021 – 113*

1. SIGNATURES

2. COUNCIL MINUTES

- a. 6/14/2021 Council Workshop.
- b. 6/21/2021 Council Meeting.

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3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Renewal Victualer's License – Mac's Convenience Stores LLC
- b. Hampden's Ridership on BACTS
- c. Council Letter to Natural Resources Council of Maine

4. COMMITTEE MINUTES

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

- a. Recognition of appreciation and award to Journey Church for their support of the Hybrid Hangout Program, *presented by Shelley Abbott, Recreation Director.*

*Shelley Abbott, Recreation Director recognized Jim Funari, Pastor of Journey Church, his wife and family and presented appreciation and award for their support of the Hybrid Hangout Program.*

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Consideration of the FY 2022 Hampden Town Budget including the Sewer Budget and Capital Program.

*Town Manager Scott spoke with an overview of the FY22 Budget.*

**Motion:** *Councilor Jarvi moved to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote 7-0*

*Resolution: 2020 - 114*

*Town resident David Ryder spoke asking Council to consider an increase of \$4000.00 in the Recreation Department to have aluminum bleachers installed at the VFW Field for the visiting team and asked Council to look into the dry hydrant situation and see if we need to put in more money then what we have scheduled.*

*Councilor Wright proposed adding an additional \$20,000.00 to the Marina Budget for infrastructure development that includes running electricity out to the knoll area and building a gazebo.*

**Motion:** *Councilor Wright made a motion to approve the budget as presented with the addition of \$4000.00 to the recreation line item and \$20,000.00 to the Marina Fund, with no second motion fails.*

**Motion:** *Councilor McPike moved to come out of public session, seconded by Councilor Jarvi. Vote 7-0*

*Resolution: 2020 – 115*

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**Motion:** Councilor Wright made a motion to approve the budget as presented with the sewer budget and capital program, including an addition of \$4000.00 to the recreation budget for aluminum bleachers at the VFW field and \$20,000.00 for proposed infrastructure developments including a gazebo at the Marina, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Councilor Wright **amended her motion** to approve the budget as presented with the sewer budget and capital program and an addition of \$4000.00 to the recreation program for aluminum bleachers at the VFW field, seconded by Councilor Cubberley.  
Vote 5-2

Resolution: 2021 - 116

3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Jarvi reported on the June 14<sup>th</sup> Council Workshop.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION - pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. section 405(6)(d) to include the Town Manager and Public Safety Director.

**Motion:** Councilor Jarvi moved pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. section 405 (6)(d) to go into executive session to include the Town Manager and Public Safety Director for discussion of labor contract proposals, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0.

Resolution: 2021 – 117

Executive session entered at 6:29 p.m.

Executive session ended at 6:48 p.m. with votes taken under New Business Items a. and b.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council authorization for the Town Manager to sign the contract between Town of Hampden and the Professional Firefighters of Hampden Local 4903 for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024.

**Motion:** Councilor McPike made a motion to have Council authorize the Town Manager to enter into the contract between Town of Hampden and the Professional Firefighters Association, Local 4903 for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote 7-0

Resolution: 2021 - 118

- b. Council authorization for the Town Manager to sign the contract between Town of Hampden and the Hampden Police Department Maine Association of Police Union for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024.

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**Motion:** Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract between the Town of Hampden and the Hampden Police Department Maine Association of Police Union for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote 7-0

Resolution: 2021 – 119

- c. Council Order 2021-02 Order Regarding Trailers at the Transfer Station, referred from Council Workshop.

Councilor Jarvi moved Council adopt Order 2021-02 prohibiting the use of certain trailers at the Hampden Transfer Station effective June 21, 2021, seconded.

After discussion and public input Councilor Wright called for a vote on the motion on the floor. Vote 1-6. Motion fails.

**Motion:** Councilor McPike made a motion to allow trailers to enter the transfer station and be unloaded by hand, and the number of trailers at one time to be at the discretion of the Public Works Director, seconded by Councilor Cormier. Vote 7-0

Resolution: 2021 – 120

Answering a call for point of information from Councilor Jarvi, councilor McPike replied that the 14 foot restriction that we have now still holds and answering a call for point of information from Councilor Wright, Councilor McPike replied that his motion includes all trailers, including dump trailers and open trailers, must be unloaded by hand.

- d. Council action on Broadband Bond Request, requested by Amy Ryder, Economic Development Director.

Amy Ryder, Economic Development Director gave an overview of her work completed on achieving equal internet connectivity through all of Hampden and the Broadband Bond Request.

**Motion:** Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize a public hearing and bond referendum for the November 2021 ballot in an amount not to exceed \$4.5 million dollars to cover the anticipated costs of broadband expansion in Hampden, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote: 7-0

Resolution: 2021 - 121

- e. Council award of Hydraulic Mulching Head Bid, requested by Victor Smith, Public Works Director.

Victor Smith, Public Works Director spoke on what a Hydraulic Mulching Head will do.

**Motion:** Councilor Wright moved Council to award the Hydraulic Mulching Head Bid to Nortrax in the amount of \$21,500.00, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote 6-1

Resolution: 2021 - 122

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- f. Request authorization for the expenditure of \$1,238.40 from Environmental Trust Principal for reimbursement of eligible stormwater expenses for FY21– *referral from Environmental Trust Committee.*

**Motion:** Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize the expenditure of \$1238.40 from the Environmental Trust Fund Principal for the reimbursement of FY21 eligible stormwater expenses, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote 7-0

*Resolution: 2021 - 123*

- g. Discussion on Brown Tail Moths, *requested by Avery Caldwell.*

*Town Resident Avery Caldwell spoke on his experience with Brown Tail Moths, the infestation, the damage and health threat that they bring. He shared information received from his resources. Councilor Jarvi felt that it might be useful for the town to track infestations in Hampden as part of our website and make the community aware of the health ramifications. Referred to the next Council workshop.*

- h. Council action on Emergency Moratorium Ordinance for Multi-Family Dwellings in the Rural District, *referred from Council Workshop.*

**Motion:** Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize an Emergency Moratorium on the permitting or approval of all multi-family developments or cluster subdivisions within the Rural District, with no second motion fails.

- i. Discussion on draft subdivision amendment, *requested by Clifton Iler, Town Planner.*

*Clifton Iler, Town Planner addressed Council with an overview of the draft subdivision amendment. The language that was drafted is from the last iteration that was voted down, two versions of draft amendments to that text, that can go further into workshop. For the purpose of guidance the focus is on subdivisions in the rural district because of the threat of inadequate fire suppression on health life safety in those areas. The draft text was solely provided to remedy this issue. Version A of the draft amendment states that the applicant is responsible for the construction of the water supply system and the municipality is responsible for its maintenance, so this would apply to dry hydrants and fire ponds specifically and with version B the text provided provides a draft amendment where the applicant is responsible for the construction of the water supply system and its maintenance, unless lots are individually sold to an owner. He is requesting Council guidance on which route to proceed in for the purpose of a workshop. Consensus of Council was split. Town Planner believes this is indicative of how we move forward, this will just go through its general process, through public hearing and with the planning board and then future with the town council.*

*Councilor Esposito called for a recess. Council took a 5 minute recess at 7:58 p.m.*

## J. MANAGER'S REPORT

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K. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

*Councilor Cubberley – No comment.*

*Councilor Erickson – No comment.*

*Councilor Cormier – No comment.*

*Councilor McPike – No comment.*

*Councilor Esposito – Congratulations graduates.*

*Councilor Jarvi – No comment.*

*Councilor Wright – No comment.*

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk /s/*

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